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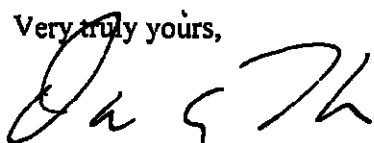
The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq  
Acting Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
Office of the Secretary  
395 E Street, S W  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation –  
Control – EJ&E West Company (STB Finance Docket No. 35087)**

Dear Ms. Quinlan

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is a statement by the Honorable Danny K. Davis, United States Representative, in support of the transaction proposed in the Railroad Control Application (CN-2, filed October 30, 2007). We understand that the signed original is being mailed directly to the Board.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

cc All parties of record

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April 17, 2008

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423

RE Canadian National Railway Co et al—Control—EJ&E West Company STB Finance  
Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Williams:

I strongly support the proposal by Canadian National Railroad to acquire control over the EJ&E Company. With this action, rail congestion in the Chicago rail corridors will be lessened considerably. Additionally, communities within the 7th Congressional District and others will be dramatically relieved of the cumulative effect of automobile, truck and diesel locomotive exhaust fumes thereby positively impacting health within those neighborhoods.

At town hall meetings, residents, businesses and hospitals have reported that too often trains have stalled at busy intersections creating horrendous traffic congestion for residents and businesses and even stalling ambulances trying to serve patients in need of emergency treatment. I sense the frustration and even futility of these victims of idling trains awaiting clearance to move through the city of Chicago and western suburban communities. This proposal directly addresses that dire situation.

It is my understanding that the proposed transaction will substantially reduce train traffic over these lines -- from about eight trains per day to no trains on one segment, and from four trains to three trains on another segment. Furthermore, the reducing of trains from lines through the heart of Chicago will reduce energy consumption and transit times for other railroad traffic.

I ask that the Surface Transportation Board complete its environmental review process as expeditiously as possible and approve the proposed transaction.

Sincerely,

  
Danny K. Davis  
Member of Congress

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008, served copies of the foregoing letter, transmitting the statement of the Honorable Danny K. Davis, United States Representative, upon all known parties of record in this proceeding by first-class mail or a more expeditious method



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